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I SIR Hans Sloane, of the parish of St. George, in Bloomsbury, in the county of Middlesex, doctor in physick and baronet, being in health of body and mind (thanks be to God) but having before me more than most men the great uncertainty of life; and having by the blessing of God acquired a considerable real and personal estate, requiring some law in the disposition of them; do make this my last Will and Testament: In the first place, I do very willingly resign my soul unto my Almighty, merciful and wise Creator, when ever it shall please him to remove me out of this troublesome life; not doubting the forgiveness of what failings and transgressions, either of omission or commission, through passions, inadvertencies, or other ways I may have been guilty of, and thereby offended God or man, firmly hoping for a better life hereafter, having bethought of God

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in this dark and ignorant state, to direct my belief and actions according to his will; and endeavoured to inform my conscience (as much as my necessary affairs and civil duties would give me leave) and to conform my actions to it, and in doubtful cases striving to make this my rule, to do to others, as I thought I should desire to be done to me in the like circumstances. I will, that my body shall be buried in a decent manner, in the church-yard at Chelsea, about noon, or at a convenient time of the day: And I will, that there be invited to my funeral all such persons as I shall leave in a list by me signed, or if no such list be left, then such persons as my executors shall know to have been my most intimate friends and acquaintance; and that they shall have rings of twenty shillings value, given to each of them.

Whereas from my youth I have been a great observer and admirer of the wonderful power, wisdom and contrivance of the Almighty God, appearing in the works of his Creation; and have gathered together many things in my own travels or voyages, or had them from others, especially my ever honoured, late friend William Courten, Esq; who spent the greatest part of his life and estate in collecting such things, in and from most parts of the earth, which he left me
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at his death, subject to several debts and legacies, which have been long since satisfied and paid, and his collections kept intire: And whereas I have made great additions of late years as well to my books, both printed as manuscript, and to my collections of natural and artificial curiosities, precious stones, books of dryed samples of plants, miniatures, drawings, prints, medals, and the like, with some paintings concerning them, now placed in my house and gardens, amounting in the whole to a very great sum of money, reckoning them at the first costs to at least fifty thousand pounds. Now desiring very much that these things tending many ways to the manifestation of the glory of God, the confutation of atheism and its consequences, the use and improvement of physick, and other arts and sciences, and benefit of mankind, may remain together and not be separated, and that chiefly in and about the city of London, where I have acquired most of my estates, and where they may by the great confluence of people be of most use. Now I do give and devise the same unto Charles Lord Cadogan my nephew, William Sloane, Esq; and the reverend doctor Sloane Elsmere, rector of Chelsea, whom I make executors of this my last Will and Testament: Nevertheless, such my bequest and gift to them is upon this special trust and confidence,

that they shall as soon as may be after my decease, sell, and dispose of the same to be settled for the public uses aforesaid, at the rate of twenty thousand pounds of lawful money of Great-Britain: And my will and desire is, that his grace the duke * Richmond, the lord Cadogan, Sir Robert Walpole, Sir Paul Methuen, Mr. Edgcombe, or any other proper persons I have the honour to be known to, who understand matters of this nature, may have access to his most excellent majesty King George II. and are willing to promote so public a good, may be humbly desired to offer them to his majesty, at the rate abovementioned, for the purposes aforesaid: But if his majesty shall not think fit to accept of the same within six months after such overture made, then my will is, that they be offered at the same price to the president, council, and fellows of the Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge, and upon their refusal to the chancellor and scholars of the University of Oxford, and upon their refusal, then successively to be offered to the College of Physicians at Edinburgh, the Royal Academy of Sciences at Paris, that at Petersburg, Berlin and Madrid, who have done me the honour to make me one of their members: and my

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Will is, that every one of them shall have one month's time, to be accounted from the time of the respective offer made to them, which offer or intention of mine may be signified to all, or any of them, for the acceptance of such offer soon after my death; and in case none of the persons or public bodies aforesaid shall think fit to buy them at the price of twenty thousand pounds, then my Will is, that my said executors do sell or dispose of them either intirely to any person or body of men, or in parcels by auction, printed catalogues of them being timely dispersed; and that in selling or disposing of them, and their catalogues or observations upon them, they take the advice of such persons as are skilled in natural knowledge, medals, &c. allowing him or them what my executors and they think reasonable for their care and trouble in perusing and correcting my catalogues, which have been taken generally in great haste. I Will that the Money arising by such Sale, be disposed of by my executors as hereafter is appointed and directed. I give and bequeath unto my dear sister, Alice Elsmere, fifty pounds, and to her son, Sloane Elsmere, fifty pounds. *Item*, I give unto each of her two daughters two hundred pounds, to be paid them one year after my decease. *Item*, I give unto my grandson, Hans Stanley, one hundred pounds, and

and to John Roberts, of Lincoln's-Inn, Esq; fifty pounds. *Item*, I give unto my nephew, William Sloan, Esq; fifty pounds. *Item*, I give and bequeath unto Henry Darlington and Martha Katling, my servants, ten pounds per annum each, during their natural lives; and to all my domestic servants who shall be in my service at the time of my death, one full year's wages over and above such wages as shall be then due to them respectively, and five pounds each to buy them mourning. *Item*, I will that my debts, legacies, and funeral expences, shall be first paid and discharged out of my personal estate if that shall be sufficient, if not, then I will that my real estate shall come in aid thereof, and be charged with the same; and I hereby devise and bequeath all that my manor of Chelsea, in the county of Middlesex, with its rights, members, and appurtenances; and also all my messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Chelsea aforesaid, and elsewhere in the kingdom of Great Britain, and all other my estates of inheritance and personal whatsoever; together with the residue of my personal estates abovementioned, unto my aforesaid executors, upon the trusts following; that is to say, as to one third part, the whole in three equal parts, to be divided of the said manor of Chelsea, in the county of Middlesex, with its rights, members and

appurtenances; and also one third part of all my messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Chelsea aforesaid and elsewhere in the county of Middlesex, to the use of my eldest daughter Mrs. Stanley and her assigns, for and during the term of ninety and nine years, if she shall so long live; and from and after the end or sooner determination of that estate, then to the use of the said Charles Lord Cadogan, William Sloane, and Sloane Elsmere and their heirs, during the natural life of my said daughter Stanley, in trust to preserve and support the contingent uses and estates herein after limited from being destroyed and defeated, and for that purpose to make entries and bring actions, as the case shall require; but, nevertheless, to suffer and permit her, my said daughter, Stanley, or her assigns, during her life, to receive and to take the profits and rents thereof to and for her, or their own use and benefit, and from and after her decease, then to the use of her two daughters, and their lawful issue, share and share alike, provided always that such daughters, if they marry, it shall be with the consent and approbation of their mother or guardian; and if they do not marry with such consent or approbation, then my Will is, that such share or shares shall go to the other sister; and as to the other two thirds of the same manor, messuages, lands, tene-

tenements, hereditaments and premisses at Chelsea aforesaid, to the use of my youngest daughter, Lady Cadogan, (now wife of Lord Cadogan, and her assigns, for and during the term of ninety and nine years, if she shall so long live; and from and after the end or sooner determination of that estate, then to the use of Charles Lord Cadogan, William Sloane, and Sloan Elsmere and their heirs, during the natural life of my said daughter, lady Cadogan, in trust to support and preserve the contingent uses and estates herein after limited from being defeated and destroyed, and for that purpose to make entries and bring actions as the case shall require; but, nevertheless, to permit her, my said daughter, Lady Cadogan, and her assigns, during her natural life, to receive and take the rents and profits thereof to and for her, and their own use and benefit; and from and after her decease, then to the use of the heirs of her body lawfully issuing: and in case either of my daughters shall die without issue, then as to the share of her so dying without issue, to the use of the survivor of them my said two daughters or her assigns, for and during the term of ninety and nine years, if she shall so long live, and from and after the end or sooner determination of that estate, then to the use of the said Charles Lord Cadogan, William Sloane and Sloan Else-

Elsmere, and their heirs, during the life of such surviving daughter in trust, to support and preserve the contingent uses and estates herein after limited and appointed from being defeated or destroyed, and for that purpose to make entries and bring actions as the case shall require; but, nevertheless, to permit or suffer such my said surviving daughter, or her assigns, during her life, to receive and take the rents and profits thereof to and for her or their own use or benefit; and from and after the decease of my daughter Stanley, if she survives her sister Cadogan, then to the use of her two daughters and their heirs lawfully issuing; and for default of all such issue of both my said daughters, then, as to the whole of the said manor, messuages, lands, tenements and premises at Chelsea aforesaid, to the use of my nephew William Sloane and his assigns for and during the term of ninety and nine years, if he shall so long live: And from and after the end or other sooner determination of that estate, then to the use of the said Charles Lord Cadogan, William Sloane, and Sloane Elsmere, during the natural life of my said nephew William Sloane in trust, to support and preserve the contingent uses, herein after limited, from being defeated and destroyed; and for that purpose to make entries and

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bring actions as the case shall require: But, nevertheless, to permit and suffer my said nephew and his assigns, during his life, to receive the rents and profits thereof to and for his own use and benefit; and from and after his decease, then to the use of the heirs of his body lawfully issuing: And, for default of such issue, then to the use of my niece Fowler and her assigns for and during the term of ninety and nine years, if she shall so long live; and from and after the end or sooner determination of that estate, then to the use of the said Charles Lord Cadogan, William Sloane, and Sloane Elsmere, during the natural life of my said niece Fowler, in trust, to preserve and support the contingent uses and estates, herein after limited, from being defeated and destroyed; and, for that purpose, to make entries and bring actions as the case shall require: But, nevertheless, to permit and suffer my said niece and her assigns to receive the rents and profits thereof during her life to and for her and their use and benefit: And from and after her decease, then to the use * Mrs. Hodges her daughter and her lawful issue; and for default of such issue, to the use and behoof of my sister Elsmere and her heirs for ever. Provided always, neverthe-

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less, and it is my Mind and Will, that in case my personal estate shall fall short, and not be sufficient to pay and satisfy my daughter Stanley's portion, and all my debts and legacies, that then my trustees and executors before-named, and the survivor or survivors of them his executors or administrators, shall, in the first place, receive and take all the rents and profits of my said estate at Chelsea for so long time and until they shall thereout have received a sufficient sum for the payment of what shall then remain to be paid and which they are to pay and satisfy with all convenient speed from and after my decease: But, if any overplus shall remain after the sale of my personal estates and the payment of my daughter Stanley's portion, debts and legacies, that then my Will and Mind is, that such overplus and remainder shall be divided between my said two daughters share and share alike; nevertheless, I will that such share or part as comes to my daughter *Cadogan*, shall not be paid till such farther proportional jointure and settlements are made as are mentioned in the deeds or settlements on the marriage of my daughter *Cadogan* as near as the circumstances of the estates of the Lord *Cadogan* will permit: And in case no such settlement can be made, then such part or share to be in trust to buy lands to be

settled to the same purposes, as is above-directed, concerning the two thirds of the manor of Chelsea coming to her by this my Will, at the same time that I thus leave to my daughters, relations and friends what I have, I earnestly recommend to them the practice of moral and religious duties, as being of greater use to them than any thing I can leave them, not only in the life to come, but even in this, by helping them through the difficulties of it, with more inward quiet, satisfaction and better health than otherways, and with the esteem and respect of their friends and acquaintance.

Item, my Will is, and I hereby declare my mind to be, that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said daughters, or any other person or persons, who shall be in actual possession of my said estate, by virtue of the limitations of this my Will, before expressed, from time to time, by any deed or writing under his or their hands and seals to devise, lett or lease, all or any part of the said premisses, or elsewhere in the county of Middlesex, or any part thereof, to any person or persons, for any term or terms of years, not exceeding one and twenty to take effect in possession, not in reversion, reserving the same to such yearly rents which can be reasonably got for the same; and may likewise lease or devise any
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part of the said premisses to build upon for any term or number of years, not exceeding sixty and one, to be computed from the time of making such lease or leases, so at the time of making such lease or leases the best yearly rent be reserved, which can or may be reasonably got for the same. *Item*, my Will is, and I do hereby confirm all leases or deeds made by me, concerning my estate at Chelsea or elsewhere. *Item*, I desire his grace the duke of Richmond to accept of such live rare animals as I may have at the time of my decease; and I will and appoint that it shall be lawful for my said executors to satisfy themselves from time to time out of the estates hereby to them devised, all such costs and expences as they shall or may be put unto in the execution of any or all the said trusts hereby in them reposed; and I do hereby declare, that my said executors and trustees shall not be chargeable with any more monies than they shall actually receive, nor for the loss of any monies that shall happen, without their wilful default, and shall not be answerable the one for the acts of the other of them. In witness whereof, I have to every one of these five sheets of paper fastened together with a black ribbond and black wax, set my hand and seal this 9th day of October, 1739.—
Hans Sloane (L S)—These five sheets of
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paper written by me, were all of them signed and sealed by me, and all of them published and declared to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of the persons underwritten, who at my request, and in my presence have subscribed their names as witnesses thereto.—Jn^o Sharp—Geo. Jackson—Raymond Paine—Hans Sloane (LS)—signed, sealed and published again this 26 Dec. 1751, as the last Will of Sir Hans Sloane in the presence of us, who at his request have set our hands in his presence witnesses thereunto. — Andw. Snatt—Charles Shapley—Thomas Bookham.

*A codicil to be annexed, and taken
as part of my Will.*

I Give and devise unto James Empson, over and above the legacy left him by any former codicil, the sum of ten pounds, for and during his natural life; and likewise the porphyry vessels which I used to make my medicine for the eyes in, together with all my drugs and bottles in the shagrine case, and also those which I have made use of in my private practice to the poor: and
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for as much as he may be of great use to my executors by his knowledge and understanding of my curiosities, I do give and devise unto the said James Empson, the sum of forty guineas a year, to be paid him quarterly by my executors, or the survivor of them, to oversee and take care of my collection of rarities and curiosities, until they be fully disposed of; and to advise and assist my executors in the keeping, preserving and disposing of the same to most advantage. In witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal this 18th of October, 1747, Hans Sloane (LS)—signed, sealed and published as a codicil to his Will in the presence of us, John Jackson, John King—Hans Sloane (LS)—signed, sealed and published again this 26 Dec. 1751, as the codicil of Sir Hans Sloane, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have set our names as witnesses thereunto. Andw. Snatt—Charles Shapley—Thomas Bookham.

And whereas I have by my Will, or former codicils, given unto Martha Katling and Henry Darlington, my servants, ten pounds a year for and during their respective lives, I do hereby give to them instead thereof the sum of twenty pounds a-piece for and during their respective lives: and whereas I have given unto James Empson the sum of ten pounds for his life, I do hereby give and de-

devise unto him the sum of twenty pounds instead thereof, for and during his life, and do hereby charge all my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with the payment of the said several annuities or yearly payments, the first payment to begin on the first usual quarter day after my decease, in witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand this 5th day of July 1749, Hans Sloane (LS) Signed and published as a codicil to my last Will, in the presence of us John King, Winifred Empson, Raymond Paine, Hans Sloane (LS) Signed, sealed and published as a codicil again this 26th Dec. 1751, in the presence of us, who in his presence, and at his request, have set our names as witnesses hereunto, Andrew Snatt, Charles Shapley, Thomas Bookham.

I Sir Hans Sloane of Chelsea, in the county of Middlesex, Baronet, do make this codicil to be annexed to my last will and testament as follows. Whereas I have in and by my said Will given some directions about the sale and disposition of my museum, or collection of rarities herein more particularly mentioned. Now I do hereby revoke my said Will as far as relates thereto, and I do direct and appoint concerning the same in the following Manner. Having had from my youth a strong inclination to the study of
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plants, and all other productions of nature; and having through the course of many years with great labour and expence, gathered together whatever could be procured either in our own or foreign countries that was rare and curious; and being fully convinced that nothing tends more to raise our ideas of the power, wisdom, goodness, providence, and other perfections of the Deity, or more to the comfort and well being of his creatures than the enlargement of our knowledge in the works of nature, I do Will and desire that for the promoting of these noble ends, the glory of God, and the good of man, my collection in all its branches may be, if possible, kept and preserved together whole and intire in my manor house, in the parish of Chelsea, situate near the phyfic garden, given by me to the company of apothecaries for the same purposes; and having great reliance and confidence that the Right Hon. and other persons hereafter named will be influenced by the same principles, and faithfully and conscientiously discharge the trust hereby reposed in them, I do give, devise and bequeath unto the Right Hon. Charles Sloane Cadogan, Esq; Hans Stanley, Esq; William Sloane, Esq; the Rev. Sloane Elsmere, Doctor in Divinity and the rector of Chelsea for the time being; Martin Folkes,

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Esq; and the president of the Royal Society for the time being; Sir Paul Methuen, James West, Esq; and the treasurer of the Royal Society for the time being; the two secretaries of the Royal Society for the time being; Samuel Clarke, Esq; the Hon. Richard Arundell, Esq; Joseph Andrews, Esq; Mr. Joseph Ames, Mr. Henry Baker, the Rev. James Bradley, Doctor in Divinity, Astron. Reg. Sir Thomas Burnet, Knt. Mr. Peter Collinson, Sir John Evelyn, Bart. John Fuller of Suffex, Esq; the Rev. Stephen Hales, Doctor in Divinity; Theodore Jacobson, Esq; Smart Lethieullier, Esq; Sir James Lowther, Bart. George Littleton, Esq; the Rev. Charles Littleton, Doctor in Divinity, Dean of Exeter; the Rev. Henry Miles, Doctor in Divinity; David Papillon, Esq; Sir George Saville, Bart. Sir Hugh Smithson, Bart. the Rev. Thomas Shaw, Doctor in Divinity; Charles Stanhope, Esq; the Rev. William Stukeley, James Theobald, Esq; Sir Peter Thompson, Knt. the Hon. Horatio Walpole, jun. Esq; the Hon. Philip York, Esq; Sir William Codrington, Bart. Henry Gough, Esq; Charles Gray, Esq; General James Oglethorpe; John Ranby, Esq; Mr. George Bell; the Right Rev. George Lord Bishop of Exeter; the Right Rev. Zachary Lord Bishop of Bangor; the Right Hon.

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Edward Southwell, Esq; Sir William Heathcote, Bart. Sir John Heathcote, Bart. John Milner, Esq; Mr. James Empson and Mr. William Watfon; all that my collection or musæum, at, in, or about my manor house at Chelsea aforesaid, which consists of too great a variety to be particularly described. But I mean all my library of books, drawings, manuscripts, prints, medals and coins, antient and modern, antiquities, seals, &c. cameas and intaglios, &c. precious stones, agates, jaspers, &c. vessels, &c. of agate jasper, &c. chrystals, mathematical instruments, drawings and pictures, and all other things in my said collection or musæum, which are more particularly described, mentioned and numbered, with short histories or accounts of them, with proper references in certain catalogues by me made, containing thirty-eight volumes in folio, and eight volumes in quarto, except such framed pictures as are not marked with the word (collection) to have and to hold to them and their successors or assigns for ever; to the intent only that the same and every part and parcel of my said collection or musæum may be vested in the said Right Honourable and Honourable, and other persons upon the trusts, and for the uses and purposes, and subject to the several limitations and direc-

tions hereafter particularly specified concerning the same: and for rendering this my intention more effectual, that the said collection may be preserved and continued intire in its utmost perfection and regularity; and being assured that nothing will conduce more to this purpose, than placing the same under the direction and care of learned, experienced and judicious persons who are above all low and mean views, I do earnestly desire that the king, his royal highness the prince of Wales, his royal highness William duke of Cumberland, the archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, the right honourable Philip lord Hardwick, and the lord high chancellor for the time being, the lord president of the council for the time being, the lord privy seal for the time being, the lord steward of his majesty's household for the time being, the lord chamberlain of his majesty's household for the time being, his grace Charles duke of Richmond, his grace John duke of Montague, his grace Holles duke of Newcastle, his grace John duke of Bedford, and the two principal secretaries of state for the time being; the right honourable John earl of Sandwich, and the lord high admiral, or the first lord commissioner of the admiralty for the time being; the right honourable Henry Pelham, Esq; and the

the lord high treasurer, or the first lord commissioner of the treasury for the time being, and the chancellor of the exchequer for the time being, the lord chief justice of the king's bench for the time being, the lord chief justice of the common pleas for the time being, the lord chief baron of the exchequer for the time being, the lord bishop of London for the time being, the lord bishop of Winchester for the time being, the right honourable Archibald duke of Argyle, the right honourable Henry earl of Pembroke, the right honourable Philip earl of Chesterfield, the right honourable Richard earl of Burlington, the right honourable Henry lord Montford, the right honourable Arthur Onslow, esq; and the speaker of the House of Commons for the time being, the honourable lord Charles Cavendish, the right honourable Charles lord Cadogan, the right honourable John earl of Verney, and the right honourable George lord Anson, will condescend so far as to act and be visitors of my said musæum and collection. And I do hereby, with their leave, nominate and appoint them visitors thereof, with full power and authority for any five or more of them to enter my said collection or musæum at any time or times, to peruse, supervise and examine the same and the management

nagement thereof; and to visit, correct and reform from time to time as there may be occasion, either jointly with the said trustees, or separately, upon application to them for that purpose; or otherwise all abuses, defaults, neglects, or mismanagements that may happen to arise therein, or touching or concerning the person or persons, officer or officers that are or shall be appointed to attend the same. And my will is, and I do hereby request and desire, that the said trustees, or any seven or more of them do make their humble application to his majesty or to parliament, at the next sessions after my decease, as shall be thought most proper, in order to pay the full and clear sum of twenty thousand pounds of lawful money of Great-Britain, unto my executors or the survivors of them, within twelve months after my decease, in consideration of the said collection or musæum: It not being, as I apprehend or believe, a fourth of their real and intrinsic value; and also to obtain such sufficient and effectual powers and authorities, for vesting in the said trustees all and every part of my said collection or musæum before mentioned in all its branches; and also my said capital manor house, with such gardens and out-houses as shall thereunto belong, and be used by me at the time of
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of my decease, in which it is my desire the same shall be kept and preserved; and also the water of, or belonging to my manor of Chelsea coming from Kensington, subject to furnishing or supplying the Lord Bishop of Winchester's house as is now used; and also all that the advowson or presentation or right of patronage of the church of Chelsea: To the end, the same premises may be absolutely vested in the said trustees, for preserving and continuing my said collection or museum in such manner as they shall think most likely to answer the public benefit by me intended; and also obtain as aforesaid, a sufficient fund or provision, for maintaining and taking care of my said collection and premises, and for repairing and supporting my said manor house, water-work and premises, to be vested in the said trustees for ever: And I do hereby further direct and appoint, that my executors do and shall, upon payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds, deliver or cause to be delivered unto the said trustees, or any seven or more of them, for, and in the name of all of them, in the presence of the visitors, or any five or more of them, as well the possession of my said manor house and gardens at Chelsea aforesaid, as also all my collection or museum before mentioned and described, and every
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part thereof in all its branches, whole and intire, as the same shall be found in my said manor house, according to the said catalogues, and together with the several volumes of catalogues thereunto belonging. And further, my will is, and I do hereby also direct and appoint, that in case his majesty or the parliament do accept the said offer, and do pay the said sum of twenty thousand pounds unto my executors or the survivor of them, that then my said executors do, within six months after such payment as aforementioned, and obtaining proper powers for effectually vesting in the said trustees all my said collection, and my said capital house and gardens, with their appurtenances, water and advowson, presentation or right of patronage of the church of Chelsea as aforesaid; together with my heir or heirs at law, and all other proper parties, do and shall join in and execute such acts, deed, or conveyances, as shall be thought requisite and necessary for the more perfect and absolute vesting, conveying, and assuring the said premisses in, and to the said trustees and their assigns or successors for ever, for the uses; intents and purposes herein mentioned and intended.

And my Will is, and I do hereby empower and direct, that the said trustees, or
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any seven or more of them, do and shall, in convenient time after payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds unto my said executors, or the survivors of them as aforesaid, meet together from time to time, as often as shall be thought fit, and there make, constitute and establish (to be afterwards ratified and approved by the visitors hereby appointed, or any five or more of them) such statutes, rules, and ordinances, and to make and appoint such officers and servants for the attending, managing, preserving, and continuing of my said museum, or collection and premises, for ever, with such salaries, payments, or allowances to them respectively, as shall seem meet and necessary.

And further, my Will is, and I do hereby order and direct, that in case any difference or dispute shall happen to arise by or between the said trustees touching the said premises, which cannot be adjusted or settled among themselves, then and in such case, and as often as the same shall happen, the visitors hereby appointed, or any five or more of them, shall and are hereby authorized and impowered, to hear and determine in the most summary way, such difference or dis-

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And it is also my Will and desire, that all such other powers and authorities may be added or vested, as well in the said intended trustees, as in the visitors hereby appointed, as shall by the legislature be thought most proper and convenient, for the better management, order, and care of my said collection and premises.

And further, it is my Will, and I do hereby declare and direct, that the said advowson, presentation, and right of patronage of the church of Chelsea, shall be filled up from time to time, as often as the same shall become vacant, by such person or persons as the trustees hereby appointed, or the major part of them, shall elect, present, nominate, or appoint.

And I do hereby further request and desire, that the trustees hereby appointed, or the major part of them, with the consent of the visitors, or major part of them, and also my heirs and executors, and every of them, will concur, as far as in them respectively lies, in promoting this my intention, and of perpetuating my said collection as afore mentioned,

tioned, with their best endeavours, and for obtaining payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds as aforesaid, and for settling and assuring the said musæum or collection and premisses, manor-house and garden, with their appurtenances, water, and advowson, upon the trustees hereby appointed, and for making a provision or fund for maintaining and supporting the same for ever, as before mentioned: And in order that there may be always a sufficient number of trustees subsisting as far as may be, my will is, and I do hereby direct and desire, that within convenient time after the decease of any seven of the said trustees herein before particularly named, or any other seven of the trustees for the time being, or any less number, if they so please, then and in such case, and so often as the same shall happen, the survivors of such trustees, or any seven or more of them, shall and may at their meetings proceed to the election or choice of such other person or persons as they shall think fit to be trustees, in the room of such of them as shall happen so to die; and the person or persons so elected and chosen, shall be invested with the same powers and authorities in and over the premisses, as the trustees hereby named, so as that the num-

ber of trustees never exceed fifty at any one time.

And my will also is, and I do direct, that (for continuing a sufficient number of visitors) upon or after the decease of any five of the visitors herein before particularly named, or any five of the visitors for the time being, or of any less number if they so please, that then and in such case, and so often as the same shall happen, the survivors of such visitors, or any five or more of them, shall and may elect and chuse such other person or persons as they shall think fit, provided they be not trustees in the room of such of them as shall happen to die; and the person or persons so elected and chosen, shall be invested with the same powers and authorities in and over the premises, as the visitors hereby named, so as the number of visitors never exceed more than thirty at any one time.

And I do hereby declare, that it is my desire and intention, that my said museum or collection be preserved and kept in my said mansion-house at Chelsea aforesaid, by the said trustees and visitors, and that the same may be, from time to time, visited and seen by all persons desirous of seeing and viewing the same, under such statutes, directions, rules,

rules, and orders, as shall be made, from time to time, by the said trustees, or any seven or more of them, to be afterwards ratified by the said visitors (or any five or more of them, as aforesaid) that the same may be rendered as useful as possible, as well towards satisfying the desire of the curious, as for the improvement, knowledge and information of all persons; and it is for this purpose I have hereby reposed a sincere trust and confidence in my right honourable, honourable, and other trustees and visitors hereby appointed.

But in case payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds shall not be had and obtained, and made unto my executors, or the survivor, of them, within twelve months next after my decease, and no such act of parliament shall be obtained for settling, preserving, establishing, maintaining, and continuing my said collection and premisses in manner aforesaid; then, and not otherwise, my will is, and I do in such case hereby direct, that my said executors or the survivors of them, do and shall sell and dispose, or cause to be sold and disposed of all and every part of my said collection or museum as before described, together with the catalogues thereto belonging unto, or for the use
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ences at Paris, or the managers, directors or others impowered on their behalf, do and shall within twelve months next after notice thereof signified or given, to the embassador, resident, or envoy of or from the court of France, by my said executors or survivors of them, pay or cause to be paid unto my executors or the survivor or survivors of them, and to be deemed in like manner as part of my personal estate, the full and clear sum of twenty thousand pounds of lawful money of Great-Britain; and in case payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds last mentioned shall not be made at or within the time above mentioned in that behalf, then my Will is, and I do hereby direct, that my executors or survivors of them, do and shall sell and dispose or cause to be sold and disposed of all and every part of my said collection or museum as before described, with the catalogues thereunto belonging, unto or for the use of the royal Academy of Sciences at Berlin, provided that the said royal Academy of Sciences at Berlin, or the managers or directors thereof, or others impowered on their behalf, do and shall, within twelve months next after notice thereof signified or given to the ambassador, resident, or envoy of or from the king of Prussia, by my executors or survivors of them, pay or cause to be paid unto

unto my executors, or the survivor or survivors of them, and to be deemed in like manner as part of my personal estate, the full and clear sum of twenty thousand pounds of lawful money of Great-Britain; and in case payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds last mentioned shall not be made at or within the time before mentioned for that purpose, then my will is, and I do hereby direct my said executors or survivors of them do and shall sell and dispose of, or cause to be sold and disposed of, all and every part of my said collection or museum, as before described, with the catalogues thereunto belonging unto or for the use of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Madrid, provided that the said Royal Academy of Sciences at Madrid, or the managers or directors thereof, or others empowered on their behalf, do and shall, within twelve months next after notice thereof signified or given to the ambassador, or resident, or envoy of or from the court of Spain, by my executors or survivors of them, pay or cause to be paid unto my executors, or to the survivors or survivor of them, and to be deemed in like manner as part of my personal estate, the full and clear sum of twenty thousand pounds of lawful money of Great-Britain.

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And my will is, and I do hereby further direct, that such notice and notices shall be given and signified to the respective ambassador, resident, or envoy of or from the court of Russia, France, Berlin and Madrid, within three months next after failure or default of payment of the sum of twenty thousand pounds afore mentioned from the parliament as before mentioned. And in case the said respective offers shall not be accepted by parliament, nor by any of the said foreign academies, nor any such payments well and truly made by any others on their respective behalfs, within the respective times before mentioned, unto my executors or the survivors of them as afore-said :

Then my will is, and I do hereby further direct and appoint, that my executors or the survivors or survivor of them, do and shall be at liberty, with all convenient speed, to sell and dispose of, or cause or procure to be sold and disposed of, all and every part of my said collection or musæum, in the most speedy and advantageous manner; and the monies arising by such sale or disposition, I do hereby direct, will, and appoint, shall be paid to my executors or to the survivors or survivor of them, and shall be considered as part of my personal estate ;

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Provided always, my will is, that the trustees or executors, hereby intended and appointed for any of the purposes herein mentioned, shall not be answerable for or chargeable with the costs or deeds of each other, but with or for his own wilful acts and deeds only.

And further my Will is, and I do hereby direct, that in case my said collection shall be sold or disposed of to either of the said foreign academies before-mentioned, or in case of their refusal or non acceptances by my executors, or the survivors of them; that then my said manor house and garden, with their appurtenances, and the water, and advowson, shall go to and belong to such person or persons, and in such a manner as I have given and devised the rest of my said manors, lands, and tenements at Chelsea or elsewhere.

In witness whereof I the said sir Hans Sloane have to this codicil, contained in two skins or pieces of parchment, set my hand and seal this tenth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced,
and declared by the said testator fir Hans
Sloane, as and for a codicil to, and to be
taken as part of the last will and testament
of the said fir Hans Sloane, in the presence
of us who in his presence have subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto.

John King,
Raymond Paine,
George Stubbs,

Hans Sloane (LS)

Signed, sealed, and published again this
26th of December 1751, as and for a codicil
by the said fir Hans Sloane, in our presence,
who at his request, and in his presence, have
set our names as witnesses thereunto.

Andw. Suatt,
Charles Shapley,
Thomas Bookham.

I Sir Hans Sloame, baronet, do make this Codicil, and do hereby revoke my last will as far as the same is inconsistent herewith; that is to say, I give and bequeath unto my nephew William Sloane Esquire, all my manor of Chelsea, and all other my messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Chelsea, and to his heirs upon trust; to pay and apply the rents and profits thereof, from time to time, to the use and behoof of my daughter the lady Cadogan, for her sole and separate use for and during her life.

And my Will is, that her receipt or receipts alone shall be a sufficient acquittance and discharge to my said nephew; and after her decease, upon trust, to pay and apply the rents of my said manor and premisses to the use and behoof of my grandson William Cadogan Esquire, for and during his life; and after his decease, to the use and behoof of my great grandson Charles Henry Cadogan and his heirs; and that so soon as my said great grandson Charles Henry Cadogan shall attain his age of one and twenty, and in case his father be then dead, my will is, that my nephew William Sloane, Esquire,
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do and shall convey the said manor and all other my estate in Chelsea unto the said Charles Henry my great grandson, and to his heirs for ever; upon this condition nevertheless, that my said nephew Sloane and my daughter the lady Cadogan and my said grandson and great grandson, or some or one of them, do raise and pay or cause to be raised and paid, unto my daughter Mrs. Stanley the sum of nine thousand pounds: and I do hereby charge my said manor and premisses with the payment thereof, over and above the sum and sums of money already due, or that shall be due thereon, to her for her marriage portion, and the interest at the time of my death.

And my Will is, that the interest of the said nine thousand pounds shall from time to time, be paid unto my daughter Stanley, for her own use and benefit, for and during her life; and after her decease, to the use and behoof of her children, in such shares and proportions, and at such times, as my daughter Stanley by her last Will and Testament, or by any deed or deeds in her life time, shall limit, direct, or appoint; and for want of such appointment or direction, to be divided equally between them: but I do declare
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this to be in full satisfaction of all and every pecuniary legacy given to my said daughter Stanley, or her children, by Will or any former codicil: and I do hereby give unto my two neices Mrs. Elsmere the sum of three hundred pounds apiece, over and above such sum and sums already given them by my Will, or any former codicil: and I do give and bequeath unto James Empson the further sum of twenty pounds a year for and during his life, over and above what I have already given unto him by Will, or any former codicil or codicils: and I do charge my said manor and premises with the payment thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this 21st day of July 1750.

Hans Sloane (LS)

Signed, sealed, and published as a codicil in our presence.

Raymond Payne,
John King,
Winifred Empson.

Hans Sloane (LS)

Signed,

Signed, sealed, and published this 26
December 1751, as a codicil, in the pre-
sence of us, who at his request and in
his presence, have set our names as wit-
nesses thereunto.

Andw. Suatt,
Charles Shapley,
Thomas Bookham.

Whereas

Whereas I have by codicil appointed and named his grace Charles duke of Richmond, John duke of Montague, and Henry earl of Pembroke, all lately deceased, among others, visitors of my musæum, or collection of curiosities, upon certain trusts therein mentioned ; now I Sir Hans Sloane do hereby name and appoint, in their stead, the right honourable the earl of Macclesfield, the earl of Shelburn, and the right honourable Sir John Strange master of the Rolls, and the master of the rolls for the time being ; and I do desire that they will accept of the said trust : and I do also desire, that Sir John Bernard, Sir William Calvert, and Slingsby Bethel esq; may be added to the other trustees by me formerly named in my said codicil, or in the list hereunto annexed.

And whereas I have in and by the said former codicil, or by some other, given and devised my advowson of the rectory and parish church of Chelsea to my said visitors and trustees, or to some of them, upon trust to present a proper person thereto,

thereto, when the same shall become vacant: now I do by this my codicil revoke that part of my said former codicil concerning the said advowson, and do hereby give and devise the said advowson to such person or persons as shall from time to time have and enjoy my manor of Chelsea, and that he, she, or they, from time to time, shall present thereunto, whenever the same shall become vacant.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 18th September 1750.

Hans Sloane (LS)

Signed by the said Sir Hans* in the presence of us, and published as a codicil.

Raymond Paine,
Winifred Empson,
John King.

Hans Sloane (LS)

* So in the Original.

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Signed,

Signed, sealed, and published again this
26 December 1751, as the codicil of Sir
Hans Sloane, in the presence of us, who,
at his request, have set our names in his
presence, as witnesses thereunto.

Andw. Suatt,
Charles Shapley,
Thomas Bookham.

I Sir Hans Sloane, Bart. do make this further codicil, to be taken as part of my last will, in the manner following: instead of what I have given to my daughter Mrs. Stanley by my will, or any former codicil, in satisfaction of what remains unpaid of her portion, which I do hereby revoke, I do give and devise unto my said daughter all the rest and residue of my personal estate that shall arise or remain by sale of my collection of rarities or otherwise, except leasehold of my house in Chelsea, which I will shall be deemed real estate, and go and descend with the rest of my real to my daughter the lady Cadogan, and to the heirs male of her body successively, as directed by my former codicil, after payment of all my debts, funeral expences, and legacies: provided nevertheless that my daughter Stanely do dispose thereof to some of her children, but in such shares and proportions, and at such times as she pleases: and I do make and appoint Mr. James Empson to be one of my executors, and to have the immediate care and management of my collection of curiosities and museum, in the same manner as he does or did in my

life time : And I do give and devise unto the said James Empson one hundred pounds per annum, over and above what I have already given or left him by any other codicil or codicils, to be paid him quarterly, so long as my said collection of curiosities and musæum shall remain undisposed of, and so long as he continues in the care and management thereof, and until they shall be entirely sold and disposed of, pursuant to my former codicils :

And my will is, that my said collection or musæum shall be continued and remain in my mansion-house at Chelsea as they now are, until they shall be intirely sold and disposed of.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of April, in the year of our lord 1751.

Hans Sloane (LS)

Sealed, signed and declared as the codicil of the said Sir Hans Sloane in the presence

fence of us, who, in his presence have set
our names as witnesses thereto.

Winifred Empson,
Mary Downing,
John King.

And I do hereby give unto my executors
the further sum of fifty pounds a-piece for
their trouble, over and above what I may
have given them by will or any former co-
dici.

Hans Sloane (LS)

Signed, sealed, and published again this
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of us, who, at his request, and in his pre-
sence have set our names as witnesses there-
to.

Andw. Suatt,
Charles Shapley,
Thomas Bookham.

I Sir Hans Sloane do make this Codicil to be considered as Part of my last Will.

WHEREAS I have by my Will, or some former codicil, given my manor, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and other real estate to my daughter the lady Cadogan and her heirs in the manner and for the use therein mentioned, and the greatest part of my personal estate, after payment of my debts, legacies and charges thereon unto my daughter Stanley, as therein mentioned: Now I do revoke my said will and codicil, as far as they are contrary to and inconsistent herewith; and I do devise and bequeath by this my codicil as follows; that is to say, I give and devise one moiety of my said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments at Chelsea, or elsewhere, unto my daughter Stanley, and to heirs and assigns for ever; and after payment, satisfaction, and discharge of all debts, legacies, or charges and incumbrances affecting the same, or any part of my said estate, real or personal, I do more-
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over give and devise unto my said daughter Stanley one moiety of all the rest, residue, and remainder of my personal estate, and of such sum or sums as shall or may arise by sale of my musæum, or collection of curiosities; and as soon as the same shall be sold, pursuant to my will or former codicils, to hold to her and to her executors, administrators, and assigns, for her and their own use and benefit: And I do by this my codicil give and devise the other moiety of my said manor, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and personal estate unto my nephew William Sloane, Esq; and to his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, in trust for the sole and separate use, benefit, and behoof of my daughter the lady Cadogan, and for the use of such person or persons, and in such manner and form, and for such estate or estates, as she by any deed, or by her last will, or by any writing purporting to be a will, signed by her, and attested by three witnesses, shall direct, order, limit, or appoint; and for want of such appointment, order or direction, in trust for and to the use of her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns for ever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put
my hand and seal this twenty-second day of
September 1751.

Hans Sloane (LS)

Signed, sealed, and published as a codi-
cil, in the presence of us,

Winifred Empson,
Raymond Paine,
John King.

Hans Sloane (LS)

Signed, sealed, and published again this
26 Dec. 1751, as a codicil by the said Sir
Hans Sloane, in the presence of us, who in
his presence, and at his request have set our
names as witnesses thereunto.

Andw. Suatt,
Charles Shapley,
Thomas Bookham.

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read *Suatt*.

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